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SUBJECT: CST STUDY ON MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND THE
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

1. SUMMARY: CST AD HOC POLICY GROUP ON MULTINATIONAL
ENTERPRISES MET JUNE 11 TO CONSIDER DRAFT REPORT TO
COUNCIL AND DISCUSS LONGER-TERM STUDY PROJECT. NEXT
MEETING SEPTEMBER 27. ACTION REQUESTED:(A) COMMENTS ON
DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCIL ASAP AND (B) SUGGESTIONS ON
INDUSTRIAL SECTORS AND INFORMATION NEEDS IN LONGER-TERM
STUDY BY JULY 15. END SUMMARY.

2. AD HOC GROUP AGREED ON MINOR REVISIONS TO DRAFT
REPORT TO COUNCIL, DAS/SPR/74.29, AND PARTICULARLY TO
PARA 42 OF THE CONCLUSION WHICH NOW READS:

"TO SUM UP, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF
REFERENCE GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE COUNCIL, A MORE
DETAILED STUDY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT. THIS STUDY SHOULD
HAVE THREE AIMS.

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(I) THE STUDY SHOULD DRAW UP A LIST OF EFFECTS PRO-

DUCED BY MNES ON NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNOLOGICAL POTENTIALS, BOTH BY THE ROLE PLAYED BY MNES IN PRODUCING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AS BY THEIR POSITION IN THE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE OF THE HOST COUNTRIES.

(II) GIVEN THE FACT THAT ANY POSITION ADOPTED WITH REGARD TO THE ROLE PLAYED BY MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES IN TECHNOLOGY IS CLOSELY DEPENDENT ON THE AIMS OF GOVERNMENTS, THE STUDY SHOULD SEEK TO ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA THROUGH WHICH THESE AIMS MAY BE IDENTIFIED.

(III) FINALLY, THE STUDY WOULD POSSIBLY RECOMMEND THE WORDING FOR APPROPRIATE GUIDE-LINES OR STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BY MNES."

MEMBER COUNTRIES REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FURTHER COMMENTS ASAP.

3. ANNEX TO DAS/SPR/74.29 CONTAINS SUGGESTED INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY PROJECT. AD HOC GROUP AGREED TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAT BY JULY 15 COMMENTS ON THIS ANNEX AND SUGGESTED INDUSTRIAL SECTORS TO BE EXAMINED. IN PARTICULAR, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUESTED:

(A) COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF PROPOSED STUDY AND SUGGESTED REVISIONS AND DELETIONS TO ANNEX TO DAS/SPR/74.29.

(B) INDICATION OF 5 MOST SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL SECTORS TO BE STUDIED.

(C) INDICATION OF INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE WITH REFERENCE TO THESE SECTORS AND ISSUES NOTED IN ANNEX TO DAS/SPR/74.29.

(D) SUGGESTIONS ON METHODS AND APPROACH FOR CARRYING OUT STUDY.

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